Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators (TAVNE)
TAVNE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET
Vocational Nursing Educators/Nursing Faculty Members

ANNUAL TAVNE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be:

- A Licensed Nurse eligible to practice nursing in the State of Texas;
- A current member of TAVNE;
- A Vocational Nursing educator/nursing faculty employed by a Texas Board of Nursing (BON)-approved School of Vocational Nursing; and
- Enrolled in a formal education program leading to a higher degree.

The Due Date for the TAVNE Scholarship Application Form, all supporting documentation and your essay is September 30, 2016.

*In keeping with federal guidelines involving sex discrimination under Title IX and discrimination against the handicapped under section 504, these scholarships will be awarded without discrimination in regard to the sex or handicap of any applicant.

Complete and submit the TAVNE Scholarship Application Form with all supporting documentation and your essay to:

Robbin Wilson, MSN, RN
TAVNE Finance Committee Member
900 Bordeaux Drive
Leander, TX 78641

OR

Scan and email in pdf to: wilson_robbin@yahoo.com  Cell: (512) 923-8100

The Finance Committee will announce scholarships at the 2016 TAVNE Fall Conference after review and confirmation. If the Scholarship recipient is not present at the 2016 TAVNE Fall Conference, the Scholarship Award will be mailed to the recipients’ program director for awarding and disbursement.

The data submitted is confidential. All forms submitted become the property of the TAVNE Finance Committee and will not be returned to the applicant.

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TAVNE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT FORM
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT’S DECLARATION:

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant ______________________ Date __________

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

- I hereby authorize the Program Director or Designee to furnish any information which TAVNE may request concerning my employment.

- I hereby release all such parties from any liability in connection therewith.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant ______________________ Date __________
SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

Listed below are the criteria for granting scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded based on points as follows:

1. Documentation of meeting Eligibility Requirements must be submitted with the application. (10 points)
   a. A copy of Nursing Licensure verification;
   b. Documentation of current TAVNE membership;
   c. Documentation of employment by a BON-approved Vocational Nursing Education Program; and
   d. Documentation of enrollment in a formal education program for a higher degree.

2. Documentation of extracurricular activities (letters, copies of newspaper stories, copies of awards, etc., that indicate participation in community and/or college service. Examples: walk-a-thons, religious organization service, community projects, Boy or Girl Scouts or other agencies, professional nursing organization activities or nursing school-related committees or activities like blood donation or blood pressure screening, etc.

   **Maximum points will be awarded as follows: (0-12 points)**
   
   Community service 7 points
   College activities/committees 5 points

3. References describing positive characteristics of work ethics, attitude, responsibility, accountability, etc.

   **Maximum points will be awarded as follows: (0-10 points)**
   
   Current employer 5 points
   Former employer/supervisor 5 points

4. The applicant will submit an essay (500-600 words) on a topic (see below) determined by the TAVNE Finance Committee.

   **Maximum points will be awarded as follows: (0-68 points)**
   
   Typed, double-spaced 5 points
   Spelling 8 points
   Grammar 10 points
   Content 40 points
   Use of references 5 points

**Essay topic:** "Describe your educational philosophy?"
EVALUATION STANDARDS FOR ESSAYS
Helpful Hints for Essays

The following criteria indicate qualitative standards by which the Finance Committee will evaluate student essays.

Excellent: The excellent paper states and develops its central idea with originality. Its ideas are clear, logical, and thought provoking; it contains all the positive qualities of good writing listed below:

- Substance, something to say, original ideas;
- Concentration on a main purpose, with appropriate development and firm support, clear overall organization;
- Thorough paragraph development;
- Concise, varied, and effective sentence construction;
- Careful choice of effective words and phrases; and
- Freedom from flagrant errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar (i.e. fragments, comma splices, run-on sentences, tense/person/number shifts).

Above-average: The above-average paper clearly, logically, and adequately states its central purpose. Its ideas are clear because it contains most of the positive qualities of good writing listed above. It is comparatively free of errors in the use of English. Although the above-average paper indicates it competence, it lacks the originality of thought and style which characterizes the excellent paper.

Average: The average paper will receive average points. It has a central idea organized clearly enough to convey its purpose to the reader. It avoids serious errors in the use of English. It may, in fact, have few grammatical or spelling errors, but it lacks the vigor of thought and expression which would entitle it to an above-average score.

Below-average: Below-average points indicate below-average achievement in expressing ideas correctly and effectively. Most of these papers contain serious errors in the use of English and fail to present a central idea or to develop it adequately. With more careful proofreading and fuller development, many of these essays can be improved significantly.

Poor: Low-scoring points indicate failure to state and develop a main idea. It may also indicate failure to avoid serious errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. The following are weaknesses which characterize poor-scoring essays: inadequate paragraph organization, poorly-constructed sentences, ineffective word choice, serious errors in usage, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT: Did you...

- Read the Guidelines for the TAVNE Scholarship Application, especially noting deadline date?
- Complete the TAVNE Scholarship Application form?
- Sign the “Declaration” and “Release of Information” statements?
- Include all supporting documentation as required?
- Include your Essay?

Submit completed Application Packet (Application Form, all supporting documentation and your essay) to:

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